

Remarks

In response to the objection to the drawing, Applicant has submitted herewith a replacement sheet of the single drawing to include the reference numeral 80. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to provide consistency between recitations of such claims, as suggested. Claim 7 has been amended to recite the piezoceramic elements spaced about the periphery of a surface of the steering column to provide an antecedent basis for the surface recited in line 3 thereof. New claim 11 has been added. Reconsideration of rejected claims 5 through 7, 9 and 10 and favorable consideration of new submitted respectfully is requested in view of the following comments.

Each of the remaining rejected claims and the newly submitted claim recites a system for dampening vibrations transmitted from a surface over which a vehicle traverses and from the engine of such vehicle which includes means for emitting suppression vibrations mounted on the steering column of the vehicle between the steering wheel and the retainer of the steering wheel, and operatively connected to a control means, and means for sensing vibrations mounted on the steering column between the vibration emitting means and the steering wheel, and operatively connectable to control means. In contrast to such structure, although Hartel et al discloses a system for dampening vibrations in a vehicle providing means for emitting suppressing vibrations, on the steering column between a retainer and the steering wheel, it distinguishingly provides for a means for sensing vibrations mounted between a windshield pillar and a hollow support beam which carries a dashboard or instrument panel. In view of such distinguishing structure, it is submitted that Hartel et al can not be construed as an anticipation of Applicant's claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of claims 5 through 7, 9 and 10 be withdrawn, such claims and the newly submitted claim be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter N. Lalos", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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